(b) if so, the number of villagers who fell victim to these animals during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Farming has been extended to the fringe areas of many national parks and sanctuaries. The movement of wild animals to the farm land, therefore, is a normal phenomenon. Wild animals do damage the crops grown in the agricultural field adjoining the wildlife habitats.

(b) As reported by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh, 16 persons were killed by wild animals and 46 were wounded between January, 2000 to June, 2000.

Closure of phase-I Ganga Action Plan

2814. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ganga Action Plan phase — I closed on 31st. March, 2000;

(b) whether Government are aware that 50 per cent work is still pending;

(c) at what stage phase-II work stands at present;

(d) the amount sanctioned for phase-II; and

(e) whether the concerned States are giving their share and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Out of 261 schemes of pollution abatement sanctioned under Ganga Action Plan Phase I, 258 schemes have completing about 99 percent of the work.

(c) and (d) The Ganga Action Plan Phase II which was approved during 1993—96 covers pollution abatement works of not only the Ganga River but also that of its major tributories viz. Yamuna, Gomati and Damodar. Out of the approved cost of Rs. 1276.26 crore of the Ganga Action Plan Phase II, an amount of Rs. 477.25 crore has been spent so far. 215 schemes of pollution abatement have been sanctioned, out of which 88 schemes have completed. A capacity to treat 251 million litres per day of waste water has been created by setting up of 11 sewage treatment plants.

(e) Ganga Action Plan Phase II has become a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100 percent funding by the Government of India since 1.4.1997 except the land cost which is to be borne by the concerned State Governments.

Irregularities in Nandankanan Zoo, Orissa

2815. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enquire into the cases of flouting of the Wild Life Protection Act at Nandankanan Zoo in Orissa where subordinates ignore the Chief Warden and do not answer the official queries on Zoo affairs;

(b) the cases of financial irregularities in food procurement process in 2000-2001, pointed out by the Chief Warden; and

(c) the action proposed against those involved in flouting Wild Life Act/ rules and responsible for financial irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) State Government of Orissa is in receipt of a report about the financial and other irregularities committed by then Director, Nandankanan Zoo, Orissa. State Government has entrusted the enquiry to an officer of the level of Additional Secretary to Government of Orissa.

Screening of selected infections in Zoos

2816. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue instructions to do a regular screening for selected infections within and around zoos of the country, to prevent tragedies like death of 12 tigers in Nandankanan Zoo recently;

(b) if so, the instructions issued in this regard; and

(c) if not, how the national furore of such catastrophe would be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The zoo recognition rules stipulate regular screening of animals against parasitic infections and administration of prophylactics in positive animals. However, in the light of